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DIA Orders Immediate Closure of Restaurant

DES MOINES, IOWA (July 28, 2005) – The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) today ordered Udders restaurant, 1265 Hayes Drive, Knoxville, to immediately cease operations pursuant Iowa Code section 137F.2 and Iowa Food Code section 8-404.11. The Department's action was taken after the identification of circumstances that may endanger public health.

This extraordinary action was taken following the execution of a search warrant undertaken by law enforcement, which notified the Department of alleged criminal activity occurring on the business premise. A state food inspector responded immediately to a request for assistance from law enforcement.

DIA Director Steve Young called the Department's action "extraordinary and warranted given the potential and real danger to the general public." Young continued, stating "Let there be no doubt that the Department's food inspectors will timely respond and appropriately react when called upon."

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